

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please cancel claims 6-8 and 14.

Please add new claims 15-17 as follows:

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- 15. (New) An information outputting apparatus comprising:  
an extracting circuit for extracting a program clock reference and a transport packet from an input stream;  
a clock generating circuit for generating a clock signal synchronized with said program clock reference extracted by said extracting circuit;  
a time-stamp generating circuit for generating a time stamp in synchronization with said clock signal generated by said clock generating means; and  
*BB* a time-stamp continuity circuit for generating information representing continuity of time stamps.--
- 16. (New) An information outputting apparatus according to claim 15, wherein an adding circuit adds a time stamp generated by said time-stamp generating circuit and information generated by said time-stamp continuity circuit to said transport packet extracted by said extracting circuit.--
- 17. (New) An information outputting apparatus according to claim 15, wherein a file recording circuit records a time stamp generated by said time-stamp generating circuit and information generated by said time-stamp continuity circuit into a playback management file.--